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which are at present being monographed in the *Manual of Conchology*; the collection of Helices having extended over the cases formerly containing Bulimi.

Other museum work worthy of note has been a thorough revision of the Ampullariidæ, Pinnidæ, Pectunculus and Amphidromus of the collection, by Miss J. E. Letson, and a revision of the Arionidæ and Cyliindrellidæ by Mr. E. G. Vanatta and the Conservator.

The recent and fossil Scaphopoda of our collection have been studied by the Director and Conservator of the Section, and the specimens relabelled; the results of the study being embodied in a monograph of the group in the *Manual of Conchology*.

The entire collection of alcoholic mollusks has been transferred from the mollusk gallery wall cases, to cases erected in the basement of the new building, where they have been arranged in systematic order.

The routine work of identifying specimens for correspondents has as usual occupied considerable time; but as in former years a large number of species new to science have resulted from the time thus expended. 1,505 lots of specimens from 72 persons have been received, labelled and placed in the collection during the year. A detailed list of accessions will be found in "Addition to the Museum."

The officers of the Section are as follows:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Benjamin Sharp, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	John Ford.
<i>Recorder and Librarian,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Edw. J. Nolan, M. D.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Chas. W. Johnson.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	S. Raymond Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. PILSBRY,  
*Conservator.*

## REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

Six meetings has been held during the present year. The attendance has been good and many interesting and valuable verbal communications have been made. The year has been an eventful one in the history of the Section. More commodious quarters have been occupied and work in all of the orders of insects has been consequently stimulated. The collections are in better condition than ever

before and they are being well protected against museum pests. The Section has been fortunate in having aid from a number of its members interested in special branches of entomology. Dr. H. G. Griffith has done excellent work in the rearrangement of the exotic Coleoptera and Mr. Gerhard has worked industriously on the Martindale Lepidoptera. A number of valuable collections have been presented and many small lots of insects. These are enumerated in the list of additions to the museum. It is hoped that the display collection in the museum may be rapidly increased for the benefit of the visiting public. So far as the collections for study are concerned, little is to be desired, as in a number of the orders we have the finest collections of American species in the world.

Ten numbers of the *Entomological News* have been published forming 256 pages and 11 plates. At the meeting of the Section held Dec. 23rd. the following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Chas. S. Welles.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Philip Laurent.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	E. T. Cresson.
<i>Conservator and Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Wm. J. Fox.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	{ J. H. Ridings. C. W. Johnson.

HENRY SKINNER,

*Recorder.*

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#### REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Botanical Section respectfully reports that though the work of the Section has had to be performed almost wholly by the volunteer labors of its members, the general progress of the year has been satisfactory. Much valuable assistance could have been secured in the distribution of various collections awaiting their final arrangement, if the extra rooms had been fitted with the cases referred to in the Conservator's report to the Section which is appended as part of this document. The cost of mounting specimens has been defrayed by the Academy.

Our late lamented fellow member, John H. Redfield, knowing that the time must surely come when the Herbarium and its work would retrograde without the services of a salaried Curator, left his herbarium and library to the Section to be sold for the nucleus of a